

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2021 BUDGET:** The public hearing for the 2021 budget was opened for discussion. There were no questions or comments. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

Street lights south of the river - We have completed paperwork for 2 of 3 residents for street lights. We have not heard from the 3<sup>rd</sup> family.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Berkemeier urged everyone to remind residents to report questions or concerns through the new Comcate system.

Mayor Pavey also reminded everyone that sometime this week the utilities will be replacing the water main on East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and rusty water is possible.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We continue to wrap up the projects.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The Twisted Christmas Group is talking about the possibility of a haunted trail. It is being discussed with the Health Department.
- **APC/BZA** – The report has been emailed. There will be a meeting Wednesday.
- **Housing** – Moving forward.
- **ECDC** – Nothing
- **Cherry Street** – We are waiting on word from the Court. Will continue to update any decisions.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Munson reported that rescue truck 1 is back in service. Tower 1 is currently receiving repairs and should be back on the road this week. Munson also invited Council to do a ride along with the department. He handed out waivers.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said the new K-9 vehicle will be on road tomorrow.

**Animal** – Director Hanna said the 28 large animals that they picked up are going out to foster care due to the cost of approximately \$12,000 per month. Since September 4 they have received \$24,000.00 in donations towards those animals. They have also received donations of hay and

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feed. Marzon said he would like to applaud the way Hanna and her employees have handled this task. Mayor Pavey said this makes us realize that we need to restructure our agreement with the County. Hanna said they are not sure what they can do with the animals until we hear from the Prosecutor. Newhouse said he will contact the prosecutor.

**Park** – Director Burklow thanked the Street Department for helping take down the old shelter house at the CJD Park. The labyrinth dedication will be October 11 @ 2:00. They will plant trees by the end of the week. The Class of '65 has raised money to pay for benches and plaques.

**Code** – Director Jenkins said the Street Department did a great job removing the structure at 220 W 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jenkins also passed out detailed reports from Comcate. There have been a total of 87 cases and 84 have been closed.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program 1900 N Main** – We have nothing firm enough to move forward on, but there is still interest.
2. **Diversity and Inclusion Council**
  - a. Booker T Washington Meeting – Unity in Diversity – We will have a meeting next week.
  - b. Labyrinth Dedication October 11 at 2:00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Budget Update:** The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer have been discussing budget cuts for 2020 and 2021. We need to cut \$246,000.00 from the 2020 general fund budget and \$141,000.00 from the 2021 general fund. We have decided to give a percentage to each department head and ask them to give us the line items to be cut.
2. **Utility Update:** Les Day reported that they have only had 1 rusty water complaint since the last meeting. He sent a quote request out for a new well site. They chose 5 locations where we may potentially find water. The Utility Board meets tomorrow to discuss this further. We currently have 5 wells. We are investigating the most feasible way to get more water or a new well. Gurley told Day that he appreciates the work done to rectify the rusty water.

Day said they are working on a wage scale for new employees based on experience. Berkemeier moved to approve the 2021 utility budget as presented. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Heavy Trash Pick-up (2 Trailer Courts)** – Gurley made a motion to pick up heavy trash at the 2 trailer Courts this year only. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Berkemeier voting “nay”.

4. **Interlocal Agreement City & County COVID-19 – ECDC Strategic Plan** – We have had discussion with the County to make a proposal for Covid-19 funds to pay for development of a strategic plan.
5. **Resolution 2020-?? Transferring to MVH Restricted** – We have decided this would not really be beneficial.

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**COVID-19:** Things remain pretty much the same.

Governor continues stage 4.5

Face Coverings 9/25

Public Health Emergency 10/2

Rush County Covid Taskforce – twice a month

Economic Recovery Taskforce – twice a month unemployment 5%

Libations by the Levee – They are still talking to the Health Department regarding the number of people allowed.

Halloween – Chief Tucker suggested to leave it up to parents if their kids will be allowed to trick or treat. They should be encouraged to wear face masks. If residents don't want visitors don't turn on your light.

**CLAIMS:** Gurley moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** We are working on a resolution and a timeline to allow financing for the RCCF's proposed community center.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

ELTON MARZON, MEMBER

MIKE DAUPENSPECK, MEMBER

B. AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER